

# Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes

October 2, 2013 - 4:00 p.m.

Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Commissioners Present: Clegg (Chair), Cohen, Dolan, Heinle, Johnson, Kozak, Metge, Peltola, Rubenstein, Schwarzkopf

Commissioners Excused: Connell, Ferrara, Lickness, Rice, Sandberg

Also Present: Burt Osborne, Assistant City Attorney

## 1. Roll Call

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Roll call was taken.

## 2. Adopt Agenda

*Metge moved adoption of the agenda. Seconded.*

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Connell, Ferrara, Johnson, Lickness, Rice, Sandberg.

## 3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of September 4, 2013

*Rubenstein moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 4, 2013. Seconded.*

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Connell, Ferrara, Johnson, Lickness, Rice, Sandberg.

## 4. Chair's Report

(See Item 5)

## Discussion

### 5. Plain Language Charter Education and Outreach Committee: Update.

Clegg reported that all Commissioners had received a copy of the League of Women Voters endorsement of the Plain Language Charter (PLC). He would also be sending copies of the PLC to all former Charter Commissioners that had worked on it. He had created a Frequently Asked Questions list for local newspapers and would have it placed on the Charter Commission's website. He also urged Commissioners to provide information to their local neighborhood groups and newspapers.

Commissioners Clegg, Schwarzkopf, and Ferrara provided, or were scheduled to provide, information on the PLC to the following:

- League of Women Voters cable television show
- Betsy Buckley, Minneapolis Downtown Council
- President of the Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown/Southwest Journal
- StarTribune Editorial Board
- Lyndale Neighborhood Group
- Lunch with Lisa
- Citizens League

Clegg requested that Commissioners volunteer to attend the following events to provide information on the PLC:

- Annual meeting of the Bryant Neighborhood Organization, October 8 (Clegg)
- West Calhoun Neighborhood Council, October 9 (Peltola)
- Phillips Clean Sweep (to include four neighborhoods) October 12, Noon to 2 pm (Open)
- Loring Park Neighborhood, October 14 (Sandberg had previously volunteered)
- Ward 10 Voter Information Event 10, October 22 or 23 (Open)
- Consolidated Riverfront Neighborhood Event - October 30 (Clegg)

Cohen stated that he has indicated his support for the Plain Language Charter in his mayoral campaign on his website, as well as in his television and radio advertising.

Schwarzkopf stated that he would be meeting with the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department to determine if they would be able to translate information regarding the PLC into other languages.

### **Public Commentary**

There was no one present wishing to address the Charter Commission.

*Dolan moved to adjourn. Seconded.*

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Absent - Connell, Ferrara, Lickness, Rice, Sandberg.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Submitted by: Peggy Menshek, Charter Commission Coordinator